

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 10, 2006, the Examiner noted that claims 1 and 3-7 were pending and rejected claims 1 and 3-7. Claims 1, 3 and 7 have been amended, no claims have been canceled, new claims 8-10 have been added and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 1 and 3-10 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1 and 3-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 has been amended to recite "wherein each of the telephone numbers is associated with a respective emergency reporting item comprising a priority sequence, a designation mode of one of the user requests and an associated message." The amendment clarifying what the telephone number is associated with.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Kawakita, International Publication No. WO 99/67067, in view of Klein, U.S. Patent No. 6,064,303 and further in view of Nojima, U.S. Patent No. 5,933,080. Kawakita is directed to a robot with a method of recognition and transmission of what the robot recognizes. Klein is directed to personal computer based monitoring system that can detect an event and communicate that event to a third party. Nojima is directed to a method of determining from a vehicle's location which emergency center should be contacted. On page 5 and 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner states in the Office Action at pages 4-5 that "Kawakita does not teach of a plurality of messages respectively associated with the plurality of telephone numbers and the telephone control section dialing a telephone number according to a mode of request detected by the detection section, and delivering a message associated with the dialed telephone number," but that Klein does. Specifically, the Examiner equates the DIAGNOSIS "(Klein Fig. 6, item 602, intruder, fire, vandalism etc.)" as teaching the "designation modes," as in claim 1. But the designation modes of claim 1 specify how a user pushes a button. (See page 14 lines 2 and 3 of the application). Claim 1 has been amended to recite "a telephone control section which causes the communication section to dial one of the telephone numbers stored in the storing section in response to the detection section detecting the respective designation mode of one of

the user requests, and then delivers the associated message stored in the storing section as a voice message to a receiver when the receiver responds." The amendment further clarifies the distinction between Klein and claim 1.

Claims 3 and 7 have been amended in a manner consistent with the amendment to claim 1.

For at least the reasons stated above, Kawakita, Klein and Nojima taken separately or in combination fail to teach or suggest the elements of claim 1 or the claims dependent therefrom.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 8-10 are new. Support for claim 8 found at page 7 lines 22-23, The prior art failing to teach or suggest "wherein the designation mode of a respective one of the user requests is determined by the user pressing a request button in a respective one of a plurality of coded sequences."

Support for claim 9 is found at page 10 lines 3-5. The prior art failing to teach or suggest "a voice message delivered to a receiver when the receiver responds."

Support for claim 10 found in claims 1 and Figs. 4 and 11 of the application. The prior art failing to teach or suggest "detecting from among any of a plurality of emergency requests stored in a memory in a priority sequence with associated designation mode and telephone number, an emergency request; and dialing a telephone number associated with the emergency request in response to the respective designation mode of the detected emergency request, the robot communicating wirelessly."

SUMMARY

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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